

### Intimations.

  
NOTICE.

**A** SPECIAL SESSIONS of HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the MAGISTRACY, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon of MONDAY, the Sixteenth day of July, A.D. 1894, for the purpose of considering an application from one ALEXANDER MOIR for the transfer of his Publican's Licence to Sell and Retail Intoxicating Liquors on the Premises situate on Marine Lot No. 1874, Praya West, under the sign of *The Sailors' Home* to one WILLIAM KEENAN.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Police Magistrate.  
Magistracy,  
Hongkong, 4th July, 1894. [766]

PRIVATE BOARD  
AND  
RESIDENCE.

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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1894. [752]

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| Breakfast ...per meal           | \$0.75...per Month | \$12 |
| Tiffin..... "                   | \$0.75... "        | \$20 |
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**SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS** served  
in Excellent Style at short notice.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1894. [539]

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Office 18, Praya Central,  
Hongkong, 14th June, 1894. (699)

### Shipping.

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### STEAMERS.

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**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.**  
**T**HE Steamship

**"CATHERINE APCAR,"**  
Captain J. G. Olfent, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1894. [76]

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN  
GOVERNMENT.  
STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

**T**HE Company's Steamship  
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**SANDER & Co.,**

Hongkong, 7th July, 1894. Agents. [76]

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FOR NEW YORK.  
THE 3/3 L.I.J. American Bark

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Soule, Master, will load here for the above Port,  
and will have quick despatch.  
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For Freight, apply to  
**SHEWAN & Co.**  
 Hongkong, 16th June, 1894. [70]

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Hongkong, 16th June, 1894. [70]

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**Chinese**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

THE Steamship  
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This is a safe and reliable disinfectant and is not poisonous.

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
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Hongkong, 21st May, 1894.

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The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

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The Canton Dispensary, Canton.  
The Dispensary, Foochow.  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.  
London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.  
Hongkong, 16th June, 1894.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 10, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE STRIKES IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, July 9th.

The rioting at Chicago continues. The mobs are sacking and burning railway plant, and incendiaries have burned buildings at the World's Fair.

The United States troops are marching to Chicago from various States.

California is in open revolt, the Militia supplying cartridges to the strikers.

[This is about as near as Renter usually gets. The World's Fair buildings have nearly all, if not all, been sold and removed. What there was of them four months ago was iron, brick and stucco, all entirely fire-proof.]

The troops are not marching to Chicago from various States, because such action is illegal.

What is meant is that the Militia are marching to Chicago from the various counties of the State of Illinois.

California cannot be in open revolt, although her Militia may be! And that, doubtless, is what Renter desires to convey.—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

MADRID, June 24th.

In the southern districts of Greece a number of earthquake shocks were experienced yesterday. No special damage reported.

The Ministry have commuted the death-penalty of the three malefactors who were tried and condemned by the War Department of the Philippine Islands.

PARIS, June 26th.

The assassination of M. Carnot has profoundly affected the Paris public. Miles of windows and balconies are draped in the deepest mourning.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SHARE business is reported to be just as dull in Shanghai as it is here.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Formosa* left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

THE gold production of the United States for ten years past has varied but little from \$32,000,000 annually.

It took the *Moyuna*, the first tea-steamer of the season, just six days to run from the Woosung buoy to London Dock.

THE annual meeting of the Warrant Officers' Club will be held on Thursday evening, the 12th instant, at 7.30 p.m. *Vide* advertisement.

THE China Merchants' steamer *Taiwan*, which was reported to have broken down between Wenchow and Shanghai, arrived at the latter port on the 4th inst.

COUNT CASSINI, the Russian Minister to Peking, who was going on leave and has been subjected to the usual farewell *chiu* at Peking and Tientsin, has postponed his departure from China.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 1165, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, on Monday, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting-brothers are cordially invited.

A TELEGRAM has been received at Shanghai from Tientsin stating that Li Hung-chang has given orders to send twenty battalions of troops to Korea by sea without delay, as there is no hope of settling matters amicably with Japan.

SWEDEN has the credit of being the most Protestant country in the world. Of a population of 6,000,000 there are only 2,000 Roman Catholics, the remainder of the people belonging almost exclusively to the Lutheran Church.

WHEN the U. S. *Monocacy* was at Wuhu the other day she received telegraphic orders to proceed to Shanghai and at once call and take in stores. The *N. C. Daily News* states that she has since received orders to proceed to Chungking. She was to have sailed for that port on Saturday last.

THERE is in London, says the *Daily Telegraph*, irrespective of those indebted to the dental art, a vast population, numbering probably 200,000, who require the aid of surgical appliances of various kinds, including artificial legs, feet, arms, eyes and noses, before they can, unobserved and comfortably take their walks abroad.

For breaking into a house situated in Queen's Road West and condemned by the Sanitary authorities as being uninhabitable, two coolies were this morning prosecuted in the Police Court. The first defendant was fined \$25 or in default six weeks' imprisonment, while the second was discharged. The former is now quartered at the colony's expense.

"HALF-A-MILLION Chinese men die every month without God," said a missionary in Victoria the other day. In other words, according to the good old missionary logic, six million Chinese men go to school annually. The Chinese are a very, very old nation, which seems to have started in the early dawn of the first day, and, at the very lowest estimate, this process has probably been going on for 5,000 years. This means that there are now thirty thousand million Chinese in school, and they will keep coming at the rate of 500,000 a month. There is an endless stream of Chinese people pouring, like Niagara, down the slippery slope which leads to the final drop—an endless, ceaseless torrent of dead men with pig-tails flying behind them—a howling blast of yellow fog, sweeping in, average, angrier characters, and trying to brace their feeble feet against nothing to stop their descent. Perdition, in short, is a place that is full of Chinese, which lends a new horror to the hereafter, and adds a new odour to the pot/omous halls of night. This is an impressive view of the case and one which has not received the attention it deserves. The principal reason of Chinese have been worm-thrashed, but the fact that Gohanna is full of Chinese has not been impressed on the public mind as it ought to be. Y. T. as an incentive to piety, it should be of immense value; therefore the *Sydney Bulletin* suggests that this great truth should be printed in huge gilt letters above every pulpit, where all the congregation can see it. Think of the impressiveness of it: "Brother, Hell is full of Chinese!"

HARMON'S Circus continues to do excellent business in the Model Settlement.

POPE LEO XIII. recommends the reading of Thomas à Kempis' "Imitation of Christ."

FIVE hundred pounds sterling was the legacy left the Shanghai General Hospital by the late Mr. P. V. Grant.

THE occurrence of an earthquake at Chelco on the 2nd inst. is reported. No serious damage was done.

OSCAR WILDE says "there is nothing so unbecoming to a woman as a Nonconformist conscience."

D'ARCY MARIOWETTES have taken so strong a hold on the popular tastes of Tokyo that it is doubtful if the troupe will get away from the city for months to come.

Mr. Charles Kitch, manager of the Hongkong Rope Works, procured a "kicksa" coilie this morning for having delivered lawful orders. Failing to produce five dollars "John" was sent to jail for seven days.

A RUMOUR has been current in Shanghai for some time to the effect that the Viceroy Li Hung-chang has borrowed one million taels from the leading foreign bank and has given some or all of the property of the China Merchants' S. N. Co. as security for the loan.

Mr. Amos Kroll has received a medal from the British Court for having defended the British Legation at Takanawa during the attack made on it in 1862. The long delay in the recognition of remarkable gallantry is understood to be due to Mr. Amos's reluctance to accept the medal.

INDEPENDENCE Day was light royally celebrated in Shanghai, where many of the representative citizens kept on a house. The men-of-war in port and the *Ravenna* were dressed in rainbow tints, while the *Superstition* and *Canopus* were suitably decked with flags. The *Porpoise* and *Monocacy* fired a 21-gun salute at noon.

POPE LEO XIII. is reported to be vexed with some Spanish Jesuits who have been borrowing a lot of books, including one of Zola's, at just this inopportune moment when his book on Lourdes is appearing. It is a wise remark attributed to his Holiness, and characteristic of the age, that it would be better if, instead of borrowing bad books, they would write some good ones.

SAVES the *N. C. Daily News* of the 6th instant:—Mr. Max Gobel, Consul-General for Belgium, has received news by wire of the very successful inauguration by the Viceroy Chang Chi-tung on Tuesday last of the Ironworks at Wuchang, the furnaces, Bessemer steel plant and rolling mills. The only thing that marred the success of the day was the death, from congestion, of a foreign workman named Peters.

FOR what we are about to receive, etc. Kwangtung is again letting loose her disease-breeding menderies. This morning five of the fraterally appeared before Mr. H. E. Wedderburn who with kindly consideration gave them the choice of paying with a couple of depreciated Mexicans or accepting hospitality from the State for a period of seven days. One of the number, who probably had been there before, paid his fine and went on his way—bearing again. Canny Sharp should really attend some of the Police Court morning *lawas*; there is great scope there for the Good Old Man's benevolence.

THE police are at present doing excellent work in ridding various ruffians who have the insolence to carry arms in the colony. This morning a "rough" answering to the name of Chow Tai and described as a cook, was relieved of some of his surplus cash by Mr. W. E. Wedderburn, the presiding magistrate. Ignorance of the law is the excuse of some ruffians, but protection is trotted out by the police every morning on the same lines. It is a fine of \$10 was inflicted and the arms (a couple of murderous-looking revolvers and a quantity of ammunition) were forfeited. By the by, the colony will never be really bankrupt so long as its big collection of shooting irons is available for realisation, and the present might not be a bad time to realise either.

JEALOUS competitors of the London *Times* have lately been very busy spreading reports bearing on the alleged decline of that famous "daily." As far as one can judge by recent issues of the aged and usually reliable journal there is not the slightest foundation for such reports. The managers of the *Times* are not given to blowing their own trumpets and very seldom do they refer to the position of the paper, for these reasons therefore the following collection from a late copy of the journal may be regarded as thoroughly reliable statement, which gives the lie to verbose detractors:—"The *Times* of today consists of 24 pages, or 144 columns, of which 82 are advertisements and 62 news. In the 105 years' existence of the paper, it is the fiftieth number which has reached this size, and the twelfth in which the advertisements have exceeded 70 columns."

ACCORDING to information received by the *Huipo* from the North and translated by the *N. C. Daily News*, 7,450 troops including 750 cavalry and seven batteries of foot artillery, have so far been transported to Korea by the *Yanhai* (Tooth Hill) and *Messang*, not far from Seoul. In addition there is the *Pangyang* fleet of eleven vessels, containing a force of 5,800 odd sailors and marines. Somewhat 12,000 men are reported to have crossed the *Yalu* river into Korean territory, and it is also intended, if war be declared, to send the "321st" army corps of 17,000 odd, men of all branches of the service, now quartered at Miaochoan, Tientsin, to the front *via* Shanhaikwan, Klia, and thence across the *Yalu* river. This account of the actively now displayed by the allied authorities in extending the *Shanhai* line of railway to the coast, now waiting the signal to cross the *Yalu* into Korea. Thus within two days of war being declared Japan will have nearly 50,000 land troops and a strong fleet to fight against half the number of Chinese, who reserves might as well be 10,000 miles away for all the good they will be able to do at the beginning of active operations. But with the news of Chinese envoys going to Korea to meet the Japanese Minister there, it would seem that peace is at hand, did not the discouraging fact of the *Campanella* not having yet arrived on their projected mission look as though negotiations are at a standstill and that the London may snap at any moment and plunge the two empires, China and Japan, into a desperate war.

SENOR DELAVAT, Spanish Minister to Peking, has arrived in Shanghai en route to Europe.

THE services of 45 volunteers members of the *San R. Cross Society* have been accepted by the Japanese Government for possible work in Korea.

GOOD coffee, by means of its marvellously stimulating influence on the brain, is the antidote of alcohol. At Rio Janeiro where the population numbers 350,000—of unknowns is almost unknown—and coffee is largely used.

A MALAY quarter-master recently employed on the *Steamship* *Harlan* was this forenoon committed to stand his trial at the next Quarter Sessions, upon a charge of stealing a sum of money the property of Mr. J. Douglas, chief officer of that vessel.

Not Without Sentiment—Evangeline—No; it can never be. I do not love you enough to be your wife. But, before you go, I want to ask one favor.

Alfred (dejectedly)—Well, what?

Evangeline—Please do not marry any one else.

THE American ship *A. G. Ropes*, having effected repairs rendered necessary by the "dusting" she got in the typhoon encountered on the 21st ult., resumed her voyage to Kobe yesterday. Several members of the refectory crew she brought into port on the 27th ult., were replaced by men shipped aboard prior to her departure.

If I am introduced to a scholar, says George William Court, he gives me something of his scholarship; a teacher gives me experience, a scientific man information; a musician plays or sings for me; if you introduce me to a man whose distinction is in his riches, I wish to know what advantage I am to gain from his acquaintance, and whether I may expect him to impart to me something of that for which he is distinguished.

THE *Daily Press* is nothing, if not original. In yesterday's issue *Granny*, with becoming gravity, editorially informs the Hongkong world that "the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board consists entirely of professional men—a lawyer, two doctors, a civil engineer, and the Captain Superintendent of Police." A policeman's life, as W. S. Gilbert puts it, may not be altogether a happy one, but where does the professional status come in?

A COUNCIL of pedagogues, remarks the *Troy Times*, has decided that the cube root must be taught to the students of the University in arithmetic. In the early days the calculator explored the problem very lucidly by the use of wooden blocks and birch switches. But there has been a great decrease in the timber supply, and hence the study may have increased in cost. Anyway, it is of very little use in ordinary business, and the modern student can find something more engaging in the study of "p's" and "q's."

SAVES the *Siam Free Press* of June 30th:—His Majesty's Majesty in Bangkok early on Monday morning, by the *Maha Chakri*, but instead of anchoring off the Palace the royal yacht passed upriver as far as Pakret, afterwards retracing and anchoring off the Split Farn on Tuesday evening. It appears that the fact was not auspicious for the King to land, and he remained on board until Wednesday morning, when he was carried into the Palace at an early hour. It is reported that the King is suffering still from the effects of fever, and that his state of health leaves much to be desired. We also learn that the fact of the Senators repairing to Koh-si-chang immediately before the King's arrival, is very unusual, and that such a circumstance has never before occurred in Siam.

THUS the *N. Y. Maritime Register*:—It is said so often the command of the sea is absolutely necessary to the welfare of the British Empire that it goes without contradiction. It is held that the only way to break that supremacy is by a combination of other maritime powers. What would come of this combination is not pointed out, for its success would not be permanent, as only one nation at a time can hold command of the deep waters. But it is urged in England that the naval strength of Great Britain must be kept at a point in excess of any combination that could be brought against her. And this effort is likely to be made. Great Britain to-day holds the seas beyond all question. All the shipping brought forward by any waters in the United States to show the utility of any attempt here to rival England in the ocean carrying trade. But just previous to our civil war the United States were making very rapid progress toward command of the seas. That war was the cause of the almost total disappearance of the American from the ocean. Events came rapidly, and Great Britain prospered by opportunities wholly unexpected. Inevitable changes being opportunities again, and the United States have anticipations of maritime power that are not unwarranted. Nothing in the efforts of England should deter them from trying again for sea supremacy.

THE British ironclad *Undaunted*, Captain John H. Fox, which arrived here this morning from Singapore, was commissioned at Devonport on 17th April with a complement of 494 officers and men for service on the Chinese station to the *China Station*. She sailed from England on the 12th of May, and arrived at Malta on the 10th May. Sailing again on 15th May the *Undaunted* proceeded for China, but when about 100 miles east of Malta her port engines broke down which necessitated her return to Malta. The engines were repaired by a staff from Malta Dockyard, and the vessel resumed her voyage on the 24th of May. Leaving Malta on 28th May, the ship was detained at Lixia on one day on account of a strike among the coolies at Port Said. Happily assistance was not required, and the *Undaunted* continued her voyage, calling at Suez on 30th May and Aden on 6th June. Leaving the latter port on 6th June, she experienced very strong movement with heavy sea, the rain squalls being exceptionally heavy. The *Undaunted* is the first-class (two-class) cruiser. Her armament consists of 14 guns, namely, two 6-inch bow and stern chasers and twelve 6-inch broadside guns and four torpedo tubes, with 15 machine guns. She has a displacement of 5,600 tons; her engines develop 8,500 horse-power, which drive her at the rate of 17 knots an hour. She was last employed in the Mediterranean under the command of Captain Lord Charles Boscawen. The following are the officers on board:—Captain John S. Hallifax, Commander Thomas H. Fisher, Lieut. F. W. Lane, C. J. Eyles, Paul Hewet, G. Douglas, R. M. Lumby, Royal Naval Reserve, Lieut. Wm. Herrell, Chaplain, Rev. E. Bartholick, B.A., Staff-Surgeon Theo. Pickthorn, Fleet Paymaster Edwin R. Brown, Staff Surgeon Alfred R. Beyer, Sub-Lieut. C. Macgregor, Surgeon D. McNabb, Assistant Paymaster H. B. Pearson, Engineer John A. Vaughan, Assistant Engineer C. L. Donkin, Assistant Engineer H. W. Kitching, Torpedo Gunner H. F. Fennell, Gunner Wm. F. van Boatewaile, J. Ruddy, Boatswain F. J. Carpenter, John S. Broad, Midshipman Alfred Howard, John Edwards, L. D. Wilson, Midshipman, Midshipman.

FOR stealing a silver watch valued at \$15 and \$10 in cash, a coolie was to-day sent to prison by the presiding Magistrate for a term of six months.

A NOTIFICATION published in another part of this issue sets forth that the Peak signal station will not be available for signalling purposes for about a fortnight.

How shall we judge of the present, we who have never seen that which is past forever, and that which might have been? Measuring by ourselves, unwise indeed are we! Measuring what we know by what we can hardly see.

THIS morning's *Daily Text* contains a beautifully written letter on "Wisdom in Age." We can quite follow the writer through all his arguments, but we are fully convinced that all the wisdom to which the editor of that ridiculous *household* on modern journalism can lay claim to is the natural sequence of advanced and declining years.—Dot-age!

THE very names of many of our fruits, says the *London Telegraph*, at once suggest their foreign origin. Coriath was the sponsor of "currants" and Damascus of "damsons"; we have borrowed the word "gooseberry" from the French "groseille," "apricot" is derived from Arabic, "peach" from the French or the Italian and "tomato" from the Mexican Aztec "tomotli," while the word "cucumbers" is almost entirely close in its derivation from the Spanish "cucufior," cabbage and flower.

ACCORDING to a Shanghai contemporary, the China Merchants' steamship *Taiwan*, which arrived at that port on the 4th inst., encountered the full force of a typhoon from the previous Friday to Sunday. She, however, rode it out with both anchors down, some two miles from the rocks off Kungting, after her engines broke down. When the typhoon abated she was only three-quarters of a mile from the rocks. Her harrower went down to the extraordinarily low reading of 28.31. Having repaired the damage to her engines, she left the White Rock, and continued her voyage on Tuesday.

AT the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Puisne Judge, Nain Singh and F. Singh, such A. F. Alves and others for \$7,000 alleged due on a promissory note for \$800, signed by A. F. Alves, J. A. de Carvalho (both lately employed as clerks in the Treasury), and C. Danenberg. Mr. G. J. Phillips, instructed by Mr. E. J. Grier (Mr. C. D. Wilkinson's office) was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. C. Master (Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master) appeared for the defendants. Danenberg, the case lasted till 3.30 this afternoon, when his lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

THE *N. C. Daily News* is of the opinion that the Imperial decree of the 4th inst. will not be easily forgotten by two great empires of the country, viz., Liu K'un-yi at Nanking and Li Han-chang at Canton. Two months ago the first-named Viceroy recommended Li Ching-shu, a son of the latter Viceroy, as a man fitted by his great knowledge of foreign affairs and government to be a Minister of the first importance, and requesting that the Throne give him a post at the first opportunity. This the Emperor did shortly afterwards and made Li Ching-shu Salt Commissioner of Hapeh. Li Ching-shu accordingly went up for the usual audience; but it seems failed to satisfy the Emperor of his "great knowledge of foreign affairs." This, coupled with a memorial by a Censor informing the Emperor of Li Ching-shu's relationship to Li Han-chang and Li Hung-chang, made the Emperor suspect that family influence had more to do with the recommendation of Liu K'un-yi than the talents of his nominee, and so after remarking that although Liu K'un-yi had always had the reputation of being impartial in his duties he had now failed to act up to the mark, the appointment of Li Ching-shu to the Salt Commissioner's post was cancelled. In the same decree, a similar rebuff was a case of Tan-shih's rank named Lu Wei-chi, recommended by Li Han-chang, on the ground that Lu Wei-chi had been Li's Secretary, and so "favouritism must have been at the bottom of all this laudatory language." Viceroys and Governors are exhorted to be more careful of criticism in the future. In fact both Liu K'un-yi and Li Han-chang have "lost face" this time, and of course, indirectly, Li Hung-chang, whose nephew is the rejected Li Ching-shu.

## THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary was issued by direction of the Governor yesterday prolonging the operation of the proclamation of the 10th May for a further period of one month. The Lai-chi-kok plague depots, we are glad to be able to report, now kept in very fair order. Disinfectants are freely used in the wards and out-buildings, and the patients are supplied with clean blankets and a number of other comforts which should from the fit at have been distinctly in evidence. It may be stated also that Mr. Hobson, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District, has succeeded in drumming a good deal of common sense into the heads of the Lai-chi-kok autocrats, who have now issued imperative orders to the effect that all who die in their pest-houses are to be promptly buried at least six feet below the surface of the ground. Moreover, all patients who are in a fit state to be removed to Canton are despatched thither as soon as possible. It is done with a view to reducing the number of patients in the hospital to as few as possible, thus preventing the overcrowding respecting which so many unpleasant remarks have been passed during the past fortnight.

Up to the present time the "strained relations" existing between the Governor and the Permanent Committee are in no wise improved, the head of the Government having as yet failed to reply to the Committee's formal protest against the removal of plague patients to Lai-chi-kok, which his Excellency sanctioned a few days ago. In the meantime plague patients are not allowed to proceed from the city to Lai-chi-kok, a special staff of detectives being employed in preventing their exit from these shores, and police launches, patrolling Lai-chi-kok Bay, being in readiness to overhaul and seize native craft caught in the act of attempting to smuggle the hapless people out of British jurisdiction.

The Chinese gunboat *On-lan* proceeded to Canton to-day, taking in tow a junk load of plague patients from Lai-chi-kok.

The latest official returns are as follow:—

|                                    | New Deaths | Cured    | Rem. under observation |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------|
| Hospital ship <i>Hygieia</i> ..... | 0          | 0        | 9                      |
| Kennedy-ships.....                 | 1          | 0        | 31                     |
| Slaughter House.....               | 6          | 4        | 61                     |
| Private houses.....                | 0          | 2        | 0                      |
| A. M. Branch Hospital.....         | 0          | 2        | 18                     |
| <b>Total.....</b>                  | <b>7</b>   | <b>6</b> | <b>119</b>             |

Deaths in the pest-house (5th May) up to July 9th, 1894, 2,337, and total, 2,337.

From the pest-house, to-day—At Tung Wah Hospital, 1; at the Slaughter House, 1; at the pest-house since 1: sent to Canton to *On-lan*, 1. Total remaining under treatment, 66.

LAI-CHI-KOK RETURNS.

The following are the returns of admissions, death, etc., at the Lai-chi-kok pest-house for the twenty-four hours ending 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon:—Admissions, 7; deaths, 2; discharged, 5; remaining under treatment, 66.

## NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co's steamer *China*, Capt. Wm. Ward, from San Francisco, via Yokohama, with mails up to June 19th, arrived in port this afternoon. From our San Francisco exchanges we take the following telegrams:—

BRUSSELS, June 16th.

A terrific explosion occurred at 3 o'clock this morning in a house in Rue Royal. The interior of the building was destroyed and adjoining houses were partly wrecked. At the time of sending this dispatch it is not known whether the explosion was caused by dynamite or whether any persons have lost their lives.

LONDON, June 17th.

Dr. Percival, minister of Rugby, preached in Westminster Abbey to-night, taking as his text, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" In the course of his sermon he referred to Lord Rosebery and horse racing and said the whole world appeared to have taken Cain's words for a motto. When an English nobleman patronized the turf with its steady growth of dishonesty and degradation simply to gratify a feeling for excitement and did not use an effort nor raise a finger to reform it, he came under the same condemnation.

PARIS, June 17th.

It is reported here that the Italian Ambassador in Berlin will be replaced, owing to his strained relations with the Emperor William, due to quarrel between the Ambassador and an official of the Emperor.

ROME, June 17th.

The Pope to-day received a number of ladies belonging to the Association for the Assistance of Poor Churches, among the number being the Misses O'Connell, descendants of Daniel O'Connell. His holiness held a lengthy conversation with the Misses O'Connell in the course of which he referred to O'Connell as a great Irish patriot. He graphically described an oration he heard O'Connell deliver in the British House of Commons fifty years ago.

NEW YORK, June 17th.

The end of ex-Minister William Walter Phelps came shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. He had been ill a long time, and quite recently went south in the hope that his condition would be improved. He derived but little benefit from his southern trip, however, and but a short time ago was so prostrated that his physician ordered absolute quiet. Gradually he grew weaker, and for the last few days his death has been looked for at almost any moment. His physicians paid their last visit at 10.15 o'clock last night. He died a few hours later, surrounded by his wife and daughter and his two sons, John J. and Sheffield.

WASHINGTON, June 17th.

The Post to-morrow will publish an exposure of a plot which had for its object the destruction of the Capitol and, perhaps, other Government buildings, which had been slowly developing for several weeks past. The secret service and police authorities, however, have been kept informed of the movements of the plotters and they would have been enabled to thwart them had their machinations approached actual violence.

Private advices received from Samoa indicate that the present state of affairs in that distracted part of the world is mainly due to German intrigue. It is stated in letters received yesterday, that the Germans are supplying arms as well as powder and shot to opposing natives, and in this way unfortunate internecine wars are maintained.

Letters from a prominent British resident of the islands say that the policy of Germany in regard to the islands is patent. Local laws render it impossible for any foreigner to take land already occupied by the natives, and under the tripartite agreement the German cannot force the Samoans to give up their lands.

BUENOS AIRES, June 17th.

Don Juan Gonzalez, who by the recent coup d'etat in Paraguay, was driven from the Presidency and afterwards expelled from the country, has arrived here. He says he considers the present situation in Paraguay untenable.

LONDON, June 18th.

A meeting of members of the nobility was held to-day, at which the Duke of Westminster presided. A committee was formed to conduct the campaign against the Government's proposal to disestablish the Church in Wales.

It was agreed to contest every constituency in Wales at the general election. The Duke of Westminster subscribed £1,000 towards the expenses of the campaign, while other lords subscribed £500 each. A total of £5,000 was raised.

The degree of LL.D. was conferred at Cambridge University to-day on Captain F. T. Mahan of the United States cruiser *Chicago*.

ROME, June 18th.

The Pope's jubileeencyclicle is completed and is in the hands of the printer. It is a vastly important document from the point of view of a political testament. Every phrase of it







